

THE OIL FIELDS.

What November Shows in the Way of New Work.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE CUTS

In the Price of Credit Balances, the Operator Has Pushed the Drill with Great Vigor, and the New Production is Quite Large—Mannington Leads for the Month, but Sistersville Will Go Ahead This Month—Late Oil News.

The oil fields of West Virginia for the month of November showed up better than was really expected for a number of reasons. In the first place it was expected that the roads would be in such a miserable shape that it would be impossible to get the necessary material on the ground to drill the wells with, and in the second on account of the market price of the crude product falling so rapidly it was not supposed that the operators would do more work than they were compelled to in order to protect their property. In the face of all this there were 170 wells drilled in the various fields of the state during the month, and of this number there were fifty-five dry holes, or almost 33 per cent. Of the 115 producing wells, most of them were small and the new production does not amount to a great deal although it is much higher than it was last month. The new production for the month just passed amounted to 4,534 barrels and of this total the Sistersville field furnished more than one-half. It will be noticed by referring to the appended table that there was a great deal of work done despite the many drawbacks the operators and producers labored under:

Districts.	Wells.	Dry.	Pro.	Total.
Sistersville.....	51	14	37	2,285
Mannington.....	47	12	35	1,350
Burnington.....	3	3	0	0
Woods Co.....	23	17	6	543
Pleasant Co.....	19	4	15	292
Ritchie Co.....	15	6	9	70
Grand total.....	170	55	115	4,534

It will be noticed by the above table that Sistersville has the largest number of completed wells in the entire list and is not the largest in the number of dry holes. Mannington showed up pretty well in fact much better than it has shown up for some time. During the month there was a total of 47 wells completed in that field and of this number there were 12 dry holes, leaving a total of 35 producing wells, with 1,350 barrels of new production. The reason it is said that Mannington showed up so much better than it usually does, is because the operators have so much to contend with in that territory. In the first place they have to go almost 3,000 feet for the pay and the formations are very treacherous, and very often the rigs have to be moved several times before a well can be completed. Mannington's new production this month is about the same as it was last month, which goes to show that the big wells drilled in Wetzel county by the South Penn Oil Company did not help to swell the production a great deal.

There was an unusually large amount of work done in the Wood county territory in the vicinity of Parkersburg during the month and the pools in that section show up well. The Ogdin and Waverly pools have both been greatly augmented by the new wells. The wells in this field are not very large after they have settled down and it is seldom that a well of more than 100 barrels is found there, except on the day the well has been drilled in. These wells generally settle down to about 60 to 75 barrels a day, but the beauty about them is that they are good stayers and hold up their production magnificently.

Ritchie county has been attracting a great deal of attention during the past month or two, but on what grounds it is pretty hard to say. During all the excitement over that territory there has not been a well of more than ordinary importance drilled in. The great trouble with the stuff out there is that the territory is so spotted. It is a fact that where a good well was struck one soon lost it, on the next one a dry hole was drilled.

Down in Pleasant county there has been a nice little shallow field coming along for almost a year. There has not been a great deal said about this territory for some reason, yet despite all this there is a pool there and during the past couple of months some oil has been found in the Big Injun sand.

The indications for the present month in the oil fields of the state are exceedingly good, but there is every reason to believe that before the month is out there will be a great many causes for the stopping of work. There has been a great deal of material hauled out for the starting of new wells, but there is not nearly enough for the wells contemplated and it will be necessary to haul the stuff needed through the mud or curtail the work and it is likely the latter will be the result. It has been supposed that Sistersville was in the lead of new work on account of the large number of new wells being started over in the Benwood territory and also in the territory in the back part of the county, but the statistics show that Mannington is enjoying a boom just now and that it is ahead of any of the other fields in the number of new wells drilling and rigs up. Sistersville comes in second, but before the month is out it will be a considerable distance in the lead, as there is more than enough new work contemplated now to offset all that Mannington has now and all that it may have started during the month. The following table will show the amount of new work under way in the different fields of the state, as far as can be ascertained:

Districts.	Wells.	Dry.	Pro.	Total.
Sistersville.....	41	8	33	121
Mannington.....	29	5	24	121
Burnington.....	1	1	0	1
Woods Co.....	19	15	4	38
Pleasant Co.....	15	6	9	30
Ritchie Co.....	7	3	4	14

The oil world was again started yesterday morning when it was discovered at the opening of the market that the price of credit balances for Pennsylvania crude had taken another slide down the toboggan and that it was only one cent above the dollar mark. This makes a total drop of nineteen cents in the price of Pennsylvania crude petroleum since the middle of October and that is going down pretty rapidly when there is no apparent reason why it should do so. The falling of the price to such a low figure, the lowest it has been for several years, will probably have the effect of calling a great deal of the new work contemplated in the various fields of the state for the last month of the year.

The intelligence was received yesterday that the Carter Oil Company's well on the E. C. Freeland farm, in the Sancho territory, which was reported in yesterday and showing for a good well, had been completed and that it would make not less than 300 barrels a day. It is the general belief that this estimate of the well's production is entirely too high and that it will eventually settle down to about 100 barrels a day.

One of the most important wild cat wells drilling in the southwest at this time is that of the Ohio Oil Company on the Charles Muhleman farm, on what is known as Buckhill bottom, on the Ohio side, a few hundred yards below Proctor. This well is located in a section where, if it should come in good, it will open up thousands of acres of territory and make quite a fortune in the oil world. Some two or three years ago a well was drilled in by a company composed of Cincinnati people and when completed showed for a producer and it is believed that had it been properly handled it would have made fifteen or twenty barrels a day. In the past couple of years the fact that a fair showing for a well was gotten in this hole attracted the attention of the officials of the Ohio Oil Company, which is a ranch of the Standard, and a man was sent there to lease all the land he could get and as a result this company has

thousands of acres of land under lease and if it gets a good well will have everything their own way.

Visited The Field.

Yesterday the directors of the North Penn Oil and Gas Company went down to the Rogers field, in Marshall county, and inspected their wells and territory. They found everything in good shape. Preparations were made for the winter season, and a new well was located, work on which was commenced last night. The North Penn has five producing oil wells, one good gasser, and if No. 7 comes in good the record of this company will indeed be good.

The Oil Exchange.

On account of the publication of the story of Dean Campbell's arrest in Pittsburgh, the business has spread that the "Oil Exchange" school, now conducted by other parties, is a disreputable house. This is not true. The present proprietors conduct a place entirely of a different character.

Laid on the Table.

Application of "Fifty-seven" for a Liquor License Not Recommended to Council by the Committee.

The city council committee on petitions and remonstrances met last night and considered the application of Mrs. Angle Strong, a sister of Judge Chiswell, for a license to conduct a saloon and restaurant at "Fifty-seven" Seventeenth street, a place that has borne a bad reputation for many years. Letters of recommendation were presented by Mrs. Strong from Judge Gaston, Attorney W. K. Cannon, Sheriff Darby and Clerk of Courts Emerson, officials of Belmont county. They state that so far as they knew Mrs. Strong ran a respectable resort at the "road house" out the pike west of Bridgeport.

At the conclusion of the presentation of the case, and after a long-winded discussion as to the proper course to pursue, Mr. McKelvey's motion to lay the application on the table was carried. The vote was:

To lay on the table—McKelvey, Haler, Britt.

Against laying on the table—Uchison. Dr. Taylor, who presided, did not vote.

The committee decided to enforce the rule of council which provides that applications for liquor licenses shall lay over two weeks before consideration.

The application of Thomas Heneghan, No. 1525 Market street, for a liquor license, was granted.

COUNCIL TO-NIGHT.

Special Session of the City Legislature to be held.

This evening a special session of the city council will be held, at which a great deal of business will be transacted. At the meeting last Tuesday there were many committee reports to be acted upon, but on account of the death of Mr. Alexander Frew nothing was done. Tonight, too, the city charter election ordinance will come up for action after passing through many trials and tribulations. It is said there will be little opposition to its passage in the first branch.

AMUSEMENTS.

Mr. George N. Loomis, of New York, business manager of Gilmore's Famous Band, arrived from the west last evening and is at the Windsor. When asked by an Intelligencer reporter if he has discovered an improvement in business conditions since the election, Mr. Loomis said: "There has been an appreciable impetus to business affairs in some directions, undoubtedly, but times and money are by no means easy." Yet, some months will be required for that "easy" stage which we are all hoping to see come around. We have had several years of the other thing, and no one need expect a golden harvest until time is ripe for it. But it's coming! Sure as you are alive! All indications point to it!

"How is Gilmore's great old band doing on its tour?"

"Splendidly! Good enough. It is a famous body of men—by far the finest and most expensive ever known in this country, or any other—in a band. Never was Gilmore's what it is today. It is without exception the greatest organization I have ever heard of. We have a number of surprises in store for you here in Wheeling on the two concerts next Wednesday. There is Victor Herbert with his brilliant directing and his marvelous solos and Herbert L. Clarke, the famous cornet soloist, and Ernest H. Clarke, trombone, and the Three Solitaires, and all that, and then we have the sweetest singer you ever heard, Miss Marie Donovan. She has made an astounding hit all through this tour, responding to two, three, and even four encores to her airs. She is a marvel. The concerts are the best by odds that Gilmore has ever given, all through the masterly musicianship of Victor Herbert. You have immense treats in store for all your public on Wednesday next, at the Opera House, matinee and evening."

"Miss Philadelphia."

The reigning musical travesty "Miss Philadelphia," will hold the boards at the Opera House, Saturday, matinee and night. The company presenting it is one of the largest in America and is headed by popular Willie Collier, whose clever work in comedy has always received recognition in every city. "Miss Philadelphia" introduces many new and taking features. Instead of the hackneyed Amazon March the March of the City Troop of Philadelphia is introduced. Thirty pretty girls go through the intricate movements of the military drill to the accompaniment of the City Troop March, attired in the regulation City Troop uniform, which, by the way, is considered the most tasteful of all militia uniforms. It created a furore when E. Howard Grubb of Philadelphia, wrote it at the Court of St. James in London last year. "Miss Philadelphia" is very musical. The burlesque is full of it and to give it the desired effect an orchestra composed of fourteen young ladies will render the orchestral score. Seats are now on sale at C. A. House's music store.

"The World Against Her."

In the "World Against Her" Madge Carlton is seen to enter the office of her husband's employer. She finds there one, Jennie Clegg, who is on the downward path, but to shield her she consents to deny that Jennie was in the room. She consents to this by oath. Mr. Harvey binds his characters to the most preposterous things in the most outrageous way. His chief aim is his homey treatment of his theme. He tells his story in a dramatic way, with the simplicity and earnestness of a De Foe in fiction. He is a most remarkable adapter of scenes and situations from French sources that England has had. His work is British to the core. He himself is brutal in the misery that he heaps on the innocents. It comes to the Grand three nights, commencing Monday, December 11. Seats on sale at the box office.

The Oriental Show.

In one of the store rooms of the new Lange building, at the corner of Fourteenth and Market streets, De Kreko Brothers' oriental, Armenian and Egyptian combination is holding forth for an engagement of several days. A feature of the show is the Egyptian dance by LaBelle Salda. The representation of the Turkish marriage ceremony is also interesting, and the Bedouin sword combat between Jean and Azzle De Kreko is quite realistic and thrilling.

To cure all old sores, to heal an indolent ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, you need simply apply De Witt's Haze Salve according to directions. Its magic-like action will surprise you. Charles R. Goetz, corner Twelfth and Market streets; Bowles & Co., Bridgeport; Peabody & Son, Benwood.

BIG RIVER COMING.

It is Thought that there will be Not Less Than Twenty Feet,

AND IT MAY EVEN GO BEYOND

That Point, though there is No Necessity for Alarm on the Part of the Island People, who are Usually Easily Frightened. A Small Shipment of Coal will Come Out of Pittsburgh on the Rise—News and Comment From River Circles.

A Big River is Coming.

Now by "big," the Intelligencer does not mean to convey to Islanders an idea that the Garden Spot will be covered with that peculiar combination of mud and liquid commonly called Ohio river water, for there is no likelihood that this will happen. A big river in the present instance means a stage of something like twenty feet on the Wheeling marks; in other words, a river that makes the hearts of towboatmen and rivermen generally beat with joy, and which does not make the Island man a bunch of nerves ready to collapse at the first bunch of river bulletins displayed.

The reports received at the wharf-boat yesterday afternoon indicated that the stage here would go to about the twenty foot mark and it is not likely that more water will be had here, while it may become beautifully less in the event of cold weather. The Allegheny at Oil City was five feet and rising yesterday at noon, and it was on this report that the twenty-foot prediction was made among rivermen last evening.

There will be a fair sized shipment of coal on this rise out of Pittsburgh, and the advance guard of the fleet will no doubt be seen here to-day. On account of the recent run of coal from the Smoky City, the present one will not be a very heavy one, as many of the towboats have not returned from below with empties.

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Parkersburg, ARGAND, 7 a. m.
Pittsburgh, OREN, 4 a. m.
Pittsburgh, H. K. BEDFORD, 7 a. m.
Cincinnati, HUDSON, 8 a. m.
Parkersburg, LEROY, 11 a. m.
Matamoras, LEXINGTON, 11 a. m.
Clarke, JEWEL, 2:30 p. m.
Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Pittsburgh, VIRGINIA, 5 a. m.
Parkersburg, HENRI, 11 a. m.
Clarke, JEWEL, 2:30 p. m.
Pittsburgh, ARGAND, 6 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

Charleston, H. K. BEDFORD, 6 a. m.
Matamoras, LEXINGTON, 11 a. m.
Parkersburg, LEROY, 11 a. m.
Clarke, JEWEL, 2:30 p. m.
Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m.

Along the Landing.

The marks at 6 p. m. showed 9 feet and rising. Weather, warmer and cloudy.

River Telegrams.

MORGANTOWN—River 12 feet 2 inches and stationary and has been for four hours, but probably will fall to-night.

GREENSBORO—River 12 feet 10 inches and falling. Weather fair and pleasant. The Adam Jacobs is due up and down on Friday.

OIL CITY—River 5 feet 6 inches and stationary. Cloudy and mild.

WARREN—River 4 feet 5 inches. Fair and mild.

PITTSBURGH—River 11 feet and rising at the dam. Clear and cool.

STEUBENVILLE—River 11 feet and rising. Clear and cool. Passed up—Josh Cook, Ed Roberts, Lorena and H. K. Bedford. Passed down—The Ben Hur.

PARKERSBURG—The Ohio is 12 feet 5 inches and rising. Cloudy; mercury 51. Passed down—The Kanawha. Due down—The Argand and Hudson. Passed up—The Valley Belle and Virginia. The Little Kanawha is out of the locks and rising, no doubt.

Civil Service Reform League.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.—The annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League was begun at the Hotel Walton to-day. The delegates represent the principal cities in the United States. The executive committee chose George McAneny and A. B. Frissell, both of New York, secretary and treasurer respectively. After the appointment of the usual committees a recess was taken for lunch.

New Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—Postmasters appointed: Belleville, Wood county, H. N. Crooks, vice H. Mitchell, resigned; Hulloek, Monongahela county, C. H. Duncan, vice J. Miller, dead.

\$100 Reward \$100.

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THAT AMBULANCE SCHEME.

"Taxpayer Thinks the City Should Not Accept the Offer of a Citizen."

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—We see in a morning paper that some citizen, whose generosity Dr. Hastings is probably responsible for arousing, proposes to donate an ambulance. He does not do, however, as Dr. Hastings' did, go ahead on his own hook and have an ambulance constructed and furnish at his own expense, horses and driver and physician to go along with the ambulance. I talked to Dr. Hastings this morning and when asked about the new ambulance matter, he replied: "It is a matter of indifference to me as to the number of ambulances the city has; I have mine, and as I have frequently said, it is welcome to anyone for whose comfort its service is required. I was actuated in providing the ambulance especially by one case, a lady who was sent to the city and directed by her physician to my place. The best I could do was to order the patrol for her. She expressed her embarrassment in having to be hauled through the streets in such a vehicle. At once I became impressed with the necessity of an ambulance and went ahead, and had one constructed without asking aid or assistance from the city or anybody else. I have my driver; I have my horses; I have my physician, to go at a moment's notice, to convey a patient to my hospital or any other hospital in the city. This is the best I know of."

Now I desire to state right here and now that, as a taxpayer, I object very seriously to our fire department being hampered in any such way as proposed by the man who proposes to establish a city ambulance now, when such is not especially needed, at one dollar expense to himself to about five dollars' expense for somebody else. An ambulance can be built at from three hundred to five hundred dollars. It will cost twelve to fifteen hundred dollars a year to support it. Anybody can see that the city has decidedly the "short end" of this act of charity. We must not cramp our fire department in any such way. Let our charitable friend go the "whole hog" or none. And would he kindly explain how it happens that the necessity of an ambulance never stimulated his brain to the extent of this great outburst of generosity until another citizen had already provided the same. Not only for himself, but for the general public? For council to lend itself to such a scheme would be to prostitute its functions and do injustice to tax-payers in depriving them of at least a part of the full protection of our fire department, which is so often needed to save and preserve our property.

Furthermore, we beg to remind council that an ambulance unprovided with a regularly employed driver and ambulance surgeon, as far as efficiency is concerned, is no better than a patrol.

TAXPAYER.

Wheeling, Dec. 10.

EIGHT ROBBERS

Instead of Six that Held Up the Iron Mountain Train.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 10.—It was learned to-day that instead of six there were eight robbers in the gang that held up the Memphis express on the Iron Mountain road, in South St. Louis last night. Thus far the police have been unable to obtain a trace of the robbers, who are thought to be hiding somewhere in the city.

The most important clue will be furnished by Messrs. Egan, when he returns from his trip to the Florida North last night that one of the men who entered his car was well known to him by sight. He had seen him often about the union station and the railroad yards. Egan says he can identify the man even though the fellow wore a mask last night.

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